

CONGRESSMAN/GENERAL VISIT LETTERKENNY

The Commanding General of U.S. Army Materiel Command, General Benjamin Griffin along with Congressman Bill Shuster (9-PA) received briefings and tours of Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) on March 14.

GEN Griffin's helicopter picked up Letterkenny Commander COL William A. Guinn and Congressman Shuster and began his visit with an over flight of the depot to experience the sheer size of the 18,000 acre installation.

Letterkenny and the more than dozen military tenant activities employ over 2400 people. One of those tenants, Letterkenny Munitions Center, served as the first stop on their tour. GEN Griffin and Congressman Shuster were briefed on the munitions missions and shown tactical missile testing, repair and storage.



COL Guinn (R) welcomes GEN Griffin while Deputy Commander Dr. John Gray (L) talks with Congressman Shuster

A visit to the Missile Maintenance area re-acquainted the visitors with work in process on PATRIOT and Avenger missile systems.

GEN Griffin and Congressman Shuster then moved into Building 350 which hums with activity associated with work serving Soldiers directly fighting the Global War on Terror (GWOT). Visitors saw lines of High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV's) undergoing a process known as 'recapitalization'. Recap overhauls these vehicles to a 'like-new' condition and the depot will "recap" hundreds of HMMWV's in the months ahead.

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Commander's Corner

COL WILLIAM A. GUINN

Team Letterkenny,

I have been waiting an extra month or two to write this edition of the Kennyletter. On Friday, May 13, 2005, you found out why the wait. The BRAC recommendation that day was certainly good news for Team Letterkenny. Maybe great news. The recommendation for Letterkenny to continue our long tradition of supporting Soldiers was a welcome announcement. However, the recommendation still has a ways to go before it becomes a fact. The BRAC Commission will spend this summer reviewing the recommendations to insure no mistakes have been made by DOD. Once the review is completed, the BRAC Commission will forward their finding and recommendations to the President in September. The President will then send the list to Congress for final approval - which will occur late this Fall.

Speaking of summer, I will tell you we will be very busy this summer. As we rotate troops in and out of Southwest Asia, much of their equipment will require our sweat to get it back into shape - and back to our Soldiers as fast as possible. Letterkenny is being asked to do much more than we have already done. The Army is asking us to double or triple production in many areas on the depot. I will need everyone to focus your efforts on supporting these mission increases.

Team Letterkenny will be tested this summer. You know my feelings - Letterkenny has a talented and motivated workforce that can accomplish even more than we are

accomplishing now. You should take justifiable pride in our recent news. But now is not a time to rest on our laurels. Now is the time to demonstrate what we are really capable of accomplishing for the future. I know we are up to the challenge. Be safe.

Regards - COL Guinn



Crowd gathers to await the BRAC news.



COL Bill Guinn and Congressman Bill Shuster address employees in Building 350.

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ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day brought hundreds of people to the Letterkenny Recreation Area for a day of fun and a moment to take pause and remember the many sacrifices made by America's fighting men and women in a time of war.

Some children caught their first fish during the annual Fish Rodeo sponsored by the depot's Rod and Gun Club.



The Chambersburg Council of Churches held a POW/MIA ceremony in the depot chapel and tours were offered to the eight depot cemeteries located in the Letterkenny Munitions Center.

Children and adults viewed displays of military equipment and took rides in HMMWV's. Others had their face painted or

viewed demonstrations by Vision Quest Buffalo Soldiers.



A mini job fair was held where several hundred applicants dropped off resumes to be considered for temporary positions.

Armed Forces Day is held on the third Saturday every May.



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The group also watched pieces of armor being machined that become kits shipped to protect M-939 cabs and M-969 fuel tankers before visiting Computer Sciences Corporation and Defense Information System Agency.

During a working lunch, GEN Griffin presented Letterkenny the 2004 Value Engineering Award. (See story elsewhere in this KennyLetter)

COL Guinn introduced Congressman Shuster to members of the local media during a press conference at the conclusion of the tour saying: "Congressman Shuster has visited the depot numerous times during my command here and has demonstrated over and over his dedication to the employees and missions of Letterkenny."

Introducing GEN Griffin to the media, Congressman Shuster said: "This is General Griffin's first visit to Letterkenny. I'm pleased that he chose to visit Letterkenny so soon as he makes his rounds after taking command of AMC only last November. Meeting for the first time today, I am looking forward to working closely with General Griffin in my position on the House Armed Services Committee to protect and provide the very best for our Soldiers".

AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness—technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection, and sustainment.

AMC is headquartered in Fort Belvoir, VA and is located in about 149 locations worldwide, including more than 40 states and 38 countries. He oversees a work force of about 50,000 dedicated military and civilian employees.

Congressman Shuster serves on two committees important to Pennsylvania. The House Armed Services Committee where he serves on the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces as well as the Subcommittee on Terrorism, unconventional Threats and

Capabilities. He also serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.



LETTERKENNY GATE DEDICATED TO FALLEN HERO

"This gate will forever remind us of a great young Soldier who gave her life to keep America safe." With those words, Colonel William A. Guinn and Sergeant First Class Max Voelz unveiled a plaque honoring Staff Sergeant Kimberly Fahnestock Voelz at Letterkenny Army Depot's new truck entry gate. They were joined by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fahnestock, Jr. Sergeant Voelz was the first female Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) soldier killed in Iraq and the first female soldier from Pennsylvania to lose her life.

Staff Sergeant Kimberly Voelz was born to Floyd A. and Carol A. Fahnestock, Jr. of Carlisle on Aug. 27, 1976. She attended Trinity High School in Cumberland County and joined the Army after studying at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.

She served with the 703rd Ordnance Company, Ft. Knox, KY, as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team Leader and was married to Sergeant First Class Max Voelz for four years. Kimberly began serving in Iraq in September, 2003 and died in a Baghdad military hospital with her husband at her side on December 14, 2003 a day after she attempted to inspect an improvised explosive device placed on a telephone pole outside Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

This newly-constructed entry plaza was selected because it is the primary truck entry into Letterkenny Munitions Center, the 16,000 acre location of ammunition storage, testing and demilitarization. "Letterkenny has always been an Ordnance Depot and Sergeant Voelz was an Ordnance Soldier", said Colonel Guinn. "It is fitting that this gate be named for a fallen hero—an ordnance explosives expert-- who gave her life protecting other Soldiers. This plaza will also serve as a 'safe haven' for truckers hauling ammunition over the road during periods of elevated threat due to terrorism or ammunition haulers just needing a safe overnight pulloff".

The Commercial Truck Entrance Gate was a Fiscal Year '03 Military Construction Project costing \$1.55 million. Designed to improve safety for commercial trucks entering the ammunition storage area, the truck plaza also provides secure overnight parking for drivers and increases the efficiency of processing trucks in and out of the ammunition area. The road into the area was widened to two lanes and the project included improvements at the truck inspection facility. These improvements include truck scales, which will prevent overloaded trucks leaving the depot.

During the years this gate project was being developed, it was known as Gate 6-D because it was located between Letterkenny's old Gate 6 in Culbertson and Gate 7 in Air Hill. Colonel Guinn said: "We at Letterkenny decided that this improved gate project provides increased security at an Ordnance Depot so we thought what better way to honor a local fallen hero than to name it after a local Ordnance Soldier who was a hero."

Congressman Bill Shuster (9-PA) and Congressman Todd Platts (19-PA) witnessed the unveiling along with other local elected officials, including State Rep. Rob Kauffman (89th Dist.) and Franklin County Commissioners G. Warren Elliott, Bob Thomas and Cheryl Plummer.



From left: Kimberly's husband, SFC Max Voelz, Carol and Floyd Fahnestock, Jr. (Kimberly's parents) and Letterkenny Commanding Officer, Colonel William A. Guinn.

ON THE STREET

Question: The Army is at war. How has this affected you and your job here at Letterkenny?



"It makes me work harder to build a quality product on time to protect our troops."

Dwight McDonald
Electrical Equipment Worker
Building 11-Directorate of Maintenance



"It hasn't really affected my job personally, but as an employee of the depot I am affected by what war means. Security measures have been stepped up and everyone is touched by that."

I am thankful to and very proud of all our military men and women who are doing their part to defend my freedom and keep my country safe. I care about them and pray for each one and their families."

Rita Jamison, Electronics Worker, Bldg. 370



"For me, the current war posture adds a sense of urgency and purpose that may not have existed prior to 9/11."

Warrant Officer 1, Eric McGillvray
Directorate of Information Management.



"The war has not affected my job personally, but as a depot in whole the war has brought in a lot of the Soldiers needed support of Letterkenny such as Humvees and mobile kitchens, generators, etc."

Jamie R. Funk, Electronics Mechanic, Bldg. 370

DRUG OF THE QUARTER - May 2005

Ann Marie Wolf

Army Substance Abuse Program

Carlisle Barracks

OxyContin – OxyContin is the brand name for analgesic or pain reliever. It is available by prescription only and is used to treat moderate to severe pain when pain relief is needed for an extended period of time. OxyContin contains large amounts of the analgesic oxycodone and is formulated for a slow release over a 12-hour period.

What it looks like: The narcotic is available as controlled released tablets.

Also known as: Oxy, poor man's heroin, hillbilly heroin, OS, OC,

How they're used: Tablets are chewed or crushed to destroy the time-released coating on the tablet. The powder is then swallowed, sniffed or injected, causing a rush of euphoria similar to heroin.

Indicators of use: Cold and clammy skin; dizziness; sweating; nausea; weakness.

Physical/psychological impacts: Taking a large, single dose of OxyContin can cause severe respiratory depression that can lead to death. It can also lead to loss of consciousness, seizures, coma, and confusion. Long-term use can lead to a physical dependence and addiction to the drug. Combined with alcohol, this drug can be deadly.

Workplace and Employee impact: The effects of OxyContin are similar to those produced by alcohol abuse. The employee experiences a euphoric high followed by a period of stupor. During the high, the employee will have a false sense of security and take more chances and risks. During the let down, he or she will have difficulty focusing or go back and forth from feeling alert to drowsy.

How it hits home: There is a huge profit margin in re-selling prescribed OxyContin. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), a 40 mg pill costs approximately \$4.00 by prescription and can bring up to \$40.00 on the street. The DEA reports Philadelphia and southwestern Pennsylvania are two areas that have been most affected by OxyContin abuse. According to the University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future survey, OxyContin's use among teens increased by 5 percent between 2002 and 2003.

Source: www.drugfreepa.org

For additional information contact the Army Substance Abuse office at 245-4576.

AMC DCG CONGRATULATES LETTERKENNY

Lieutenant General Richard Hack, Deputy Commanding General of Army Materiel Command recognized Letterkenny employees for the add-on armor work provided for M-969 5,000 gallon fuel tanker.

In an e-mail to Colonel William Guinn, Depot Commander, LTG Hack said:



LTG Richard Hack

Just a short note to recognize the great performance of the LEAD team in accomplishing fabrication on the M969 add-on-armor mission fully a month ahead of schedule. Really appreciate the push your folks put on getting increased protection to our logistics Warfighters. I know the depot workers at Letterkenny understand the urgency; they came through in a very big way. Please let them know we are proud of what they are doing.

EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR ISO CERTIFICATION

By Steve Miller, Director of Product Assurance

During the January 31, 2005 Command Staff meeting COL Guinn, LEAD Commander, awarded noted Directorate of Product Assurance (DPA) personnel for their efforts in support of LEAD's achievement of ISO 9001:2000 certification on October 18, 2004. Each one of the DPA staff members individually and together as a team were a vital force for LEAD to achieve the momentous result.

As an ISO registered organization, LEAD is now recognized as having a world-class Quality Management System. This achievement along with the successful ISO 14000 Environmental Management System registration achieved in July 2004 marks LEAD as being a premier Depot operation that is on-par with best commercial practices used in industry.



Pictured (left to right) are Ed Hare, Rick Wise, Don Grier and Bill Walke. Absent are Shari Durff, Sandy Malone and Gerry Whitlock.

Individual awards were:

- Rick Wise: Commander's AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE RIBBON
- Don Grier: ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE RIBBON
- Shari Durff: CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
- Bill Walke, Sandy Malone, Ed Hare, and Gerry Whitlock: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to SGM Rob Cushard and Dr. Kambiz Farahmund who came to LEAD to assist the DPA during ISO certification preparation.

LEAD AVENGER EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Citing the workmanship and quality that he saw from Letterkenny Avenger teams, COL Richard DeFatta visited Letterkenny to convey his thanks and personal recognition.

In a ceremony late last year, employees associated with the Avenger program were recognized by COL DeFatta and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tom LaFontaine. COL DeFatta is Program Manager for SHORADS project office at US Army Aviation and Missile Command.

Having spent a year working at Letterkenny under the Training with Industry program, Chief LaFontaine now works in the SHORAD office and is a frequent visitor to the depot overseeing the Avenger program.

COL DeFatta spend the day with COL Guinn and leaders of the Directorate of Maintenance conducting a review of the Avenger Reset program and the work the depot does for Egyptian Avenger consolidation.



CW4 Tom LaFontaine (left) and COL Richard DeFatta (right) flanked by a group of LEAD employees. COL DeFatta came to the depot to recognize employees of the Avenger Reset program.

TWO RECEIVE LETTERKENNY'S DAVID M. GOODMAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Todd W. Beam, Newburg, and Ms. Cheryl J. Preisler, Chambersburg, were awarded the David M. Goodman Achievement Award by Letterkenny Commander, COL William A. Guinn as well as Mr. Goodman.

Mr. Beam received his award in the Management/Executive Category. With 29 years of service, he is a Machine Supervisor. With expertise that includes the Machine Shop, Sheet Metal, Weld, Electrical Cabinet and Component Reconditioning, he also has experience in Upholstery and Carpentry. This award recognizes his high degree of professional excellence and motivation. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is active in Boy Scouts and Little League Baseball.

Ms. Preisler, has over 20 years experience and received the award in the Professional/Technical Category. She is a Contract Administrator in Letterkenny's Directorate of Contracting. She was cited for her vision in awarding a five-year contract containing 322 Contract Line Items in support of the depot's work on Mobile Kitchen Trailers (MKT's). The contract now delivers all items ahead of schedule permitting the depot to increase production from 11 to 21 per month. Letterkenny is increasing production to 40 per month, bringing significant additional workload to the depot. Ms. Preisler's vision to negotiate a long-term contract makes this production increase possible and avoids the nearly 180 days that would have been necessary to award a new contract. Without this vision, the depot could have lost workload and the entire MKT program may have been jeopardized.

The award, was established and named after Mr. Goodman, former Director of Maintenance, in recognition of his selfless service, steadfast support, and outstanding contributions to the depot. It was established earlier this year as an honorary award to recognize employees whose exceptional performance of duties significantly advanced and supported the depot's mission.



David Goodman, Todd Beam and COL Guinn



David Goodman, Cheryl Preisler and COL Guinn

DEPOT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Letterkenny Army Depot's Special Emphasis Committee sponsored the annual Gospel Sing on February 20th in recognition of Black History Month. Held at the John Wesley AME Zion Church in Chambersburg, the gospel sing consisted of the Chambersburg Community Choir directed by Ms. Rose Jackson, John Wesley AME Heavenly Sent Community youth choir, a new youth group Chosen, Soloist Ms. Bertha Allen and an African dance team.

In January, the depot sponsored a lecture and luncheon to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. John Mason, President and Publisher of Public Opinion delivered a message that contained many little-known facts about the life of Dr. King.

TACOM COMMANDERS MEET AT LEAD



MG William M. Lenaers is the Commanding General of U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command. He and deputy commanders from TACOM depots visited Letterkenny on April 12.

Commenting on the visit, Letterkenny Commander William Guinn said: "Accompanying General Lenaers were his depot civilian deputies from ANAD, RRAD, RIA, WVA, and SIAD. The purpose of their visit was to check out how we're doing at LEAD. They'd heard from a number of people, including the AMC CG GEN Griffin, that LEAD was doing some great things with our LEAN transformation. Their feedback was nothing but positive"

NARFE CHAPTER 1063

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) has a new name. It is now the NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION. But the acronym - NARFE - and the prime objectives remain the same: protecting and preserving the benefits of federal employees, retirees, and their families.

Membership in NARFE is an important way for federal employees and retirees to make a positive impact on their future.

Our chapter is your link to the national organization and a means of securing your retirement and health benefits while providing a source of up-to-date information on issues of interest to you.

For an information package, please contact our service center at 717-262-2088. Thank you, Lorne Bevis 1st VP, Membership Chairman.

LUNCH and LEARN



The Tiger Chorale from Fannett-Metal High School traveled to Letterkenny Army Depot on April 27 to provide songs during their lunch hour on Administrative Secretary's Day. Being the Colonel's birthday, they also shared the "Letterkenny Ordnance Song", "A Salute to the Armed Forces", and "Happy Birthday" with the Colonel.

Tiger Chorale members are from left to right: Mrs. Freda Dorand, Chorale Director, Dan Shope, Kim Elliott, Lance Umbrell, Beth Pheasant, Zac Bain, SGM Edward Brown, Jr., Josh Crouse, Colonel William Guinn, Rachel Mumper, and Jess Johns.

Twenty LEAD employees attend a Decision Analysis Course.



BLDG 350 AND 370 SNACK BARS REOPEN

Employees in Building 350 received free cake and coffee while attending a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the re-opening of the renovated snack bar in Building 350 on March 22.

Depot Commander, COL William A. Guinn was joined by Letterkenny's newest employee, Richard Reasner, a Machinist who began working just the day before.

The original snack bar, built in the 1973-1974 era has seen only minor equipment changes. The renovation provides employees with a modern facility, improved services and expanded menu possibilities.

Future renovations are planned for the HUB.



Post Restaurant Manager Larry Rubeck while the depot's newest employee Richard "Mike" Reasner and COL Guinn cut it.



Employees enjoy cake in the Bldg. 350 renovated Snack Bar.



Several weeks later, a similar renovation project was completed in Building 370 and another ribbon cutting took place. Joining COL Guinn was the newest employee to work in Building 370. Tim Boyer started work just the day before.



Post Restaurant manager Larry Rubeck balances a tray of cake as SGM Ed Brown and COL Guinn dispense the punch.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated leave to me, and for the prayers on my behalf, the cards, phone calls, and other expressions of thoughtfulness during my cancer surgery and recovery. There are no words to truly express my appreciation of the generosity and caring concern of depot employees. Bob, Jason, and I were uplifted and comforted by the prayers and kindness that was expressed.

Again, thank you and God bless each family represented on this depot in 2005.

JoAnn Yeager and family

AMCOM COMMANDER/ARMY G-4 VISIT LETTERKENNY

Four days after hosting Army Materiel Command's General Benjamin Griffin, AMCOM's Commanding General, MG James Pillsbury paid his second visit to the depot since taking command in December, 2003.

Arriving with him was the Army's G-4, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Mrs. Modell Plummer, Director of Sustainment, and AMCOM's Deputy to the Commanding General, Dr. Richard Amos.



***COL Guinn, Mrs. Plummer and MG Pillsbury
tour in Bldg 350***



***MG Pillsbury talks with workers in the GMV
area of Bldg. 350.***

Touring through the various vehicle programs in Building 350—viewing the BIDS supermarket, the Laser Cutter, cranes and armored cabs along with HMMWV's, Avengers and GMV's, the group traveled to the missile maintenance facility to see PATRIOT Radars

and Launchers in Building 370, the group also viewed paint processes and learned about Lean manufacturing during a stop in Building 320.

During a working lunch at Headquarters 10, they were briefed by Vince Myers of Letterkenny Munitions Center on ammunition and missile missions.

AMCOM DEPUTY COMMANDER VISIT'S LEAD – Two Weeks Before MG Pillsbury

The Acting Deputy to the Commanding General of US Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), Dr. Richard Amos, visited Letterkenny briefly on February 28th.

His visit coincided with a visit by Congressman Shuster and General Benjamin Griffin, that was postponed due to a large snowfall.

In order to complete his travel to Pittsburgh, Dr. Amos received an abbreviated version of the Command Briefing and a quick tour through Buildings 350, 370 and 320 before departing.

He was accompanied by Mr. Ronnie Chronister, the Director of Engineering for AMRDEC,



***Mr. Ronnie Chronister, Engineering Director of
AMRDEC, Dr. Richard Amos, Acting Deputy to
the Commanding General of AMCOM and COL
Guinn.***

LETTERKENNY WINS AWARDS FOR EFFICIENCY

by James Jenkins, Jr.

U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) and U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) formally recognized Letterkenny Army Depot for its outstanding cost-cutting initiatives. Letterkenny won both the Fiscal Year 2004 AMC and AMCOM Value Engineering Award for the first time since 2001. This marks the sixth consecutive year Letterkenny has won the AMCOM VE Award; and the third time Letterkenny has won both awards in the same year.

Major General James Pillsbury, Commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, presented Letterkenny with the AMCOM VE Award on December 1 at the Bob Jones Auditorium. Army Materiel Command informed Letterkenny on February 8 that they also won the AMC VE Award.

General Benjamin Griffin presented the AMC award in a ceremony during a working lunch on March 14 while making his first visit to Letterkenny.



General Griffin presents COL Guinn the Value Engineering Award. Congressman Shuster (left) and Jack Stewart (VE coordinator) is at right.

The Value Engineering Award was established to recognize Army installations that achieve the lowest total life-cycle cost while maintaining essential functionality and reliability. Value Engineering is a financial

analysis of an installation's systems, operations, equipment, facilities, procedures, methods, and supplies.

Three cost-effective programs helped Letterkenny attain the VE Awards. The three programs were: developing a new method to blast and paint HMMWV armored doors, which resulted in a savings of \$525,000; rebuilding Antenna Mast Group hydraulic component assemblies versus purchasing them, which resulted in a savings of \$749,000; and rebuilding AVENGER gunner seats versus purchasing them, which resulted in a savings of \$5,486,251.

Installations are asked to set a savings goal and then are measured against the set goal. Letterkenny's savings goal was \$600,000 which was surpassed by more than \$6,000,000.

JORDANIAN STUDENTS LEARN SOLDERING SKILLS AT LEAD

Eight Jordanian officers spend two weeks at Letterkenny in March attending a soldering course.

In this photo, Depot Commander William Guinn and SGM Edward Brown stopped by Bldg. 370 to welcome the visitors.



TEAM REDSTONE HONORS PARTICIPANTS IN COST REDUCTION PROGRAMS

By Mike Price, AMCOM

Value Engineering success was recently recognized by the U.S. Army and Aviation Command, (AMCOM) Huntsville, AL. AMCOM is the Major Subordinate Command for Letterkenny Army Depot and; therefore, were also a participant in this award ceremony.

The Value Engineering (VE) and Operations and Support Cost Reduction (OSCR) Programs have once again had an outstanding year in cost cutting initiatives according to Mr. Thomas Reynolds, VE/OSCR Program Manager. "A key part of getting soldiers what they need is in optimizing resources and that is where VE and OSCR excels" states Reynolds. Fiscal Year 04 VE efforts saved \$168M in total VE savings, attaining 224 percent of the savings goal of \$75M. "This is the nineteenth year in a row that Team Redstone has surpassed its VE goal" Reynolds said. "Also, seventeen of the 28 aviation and missile elements participated with one or more VE actions and fourteen achieved their assigned VE savings goal with a total of 90 VE Initiatives settled during the year."



MG Pillsbury, Commanding General AMCOM presents Value Engineering award for LEAD to Jim Goins, LEAD Liaison at AMCOM.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command VE Achievement Awards were presented to the following Team Redstone organizations/individuals for their VE accomplishments: Field

Command – U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command; Program Manager – Mr. Wayne Burke, Precision Fires Rocket & Missile Systems Project Office.

The following Team Redstone organizations received VE award plaques for achieving their FY04 savings goals: Aviation Rockets and Missile Systems Project Office, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, THAAD Project Office, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center, SHORAD Project Office, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, Common Missile Project Office, TMDE Program Office, Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office, Utility Helicopter's Project Office, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Cargo Helicopter Project Office, and the Letterkenny Army Depot. Value Engineering certificates were also presented to VE coordinators for their FY04 accomplishments.

GOOD MORNING CHAMBERSBURG

The Greater Chambersburg Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast on February 24 featured COL William Guinn, Letterkenny Commander, discussing the state of the depot with local Chamber leaders.



The exchange, called Good Morning Chambersburg, has COL Guinn answering questions posed by Chamber moderator Bill Pukmel.

QUICK REACTION BY EMPLOYEES AVERTS FIRE LOSS

Colonel William A. Guinn presented Commander's Coins to three of four employees whose quick work and attention averted what could have been a major fire loss.

Joseph R. Helman noticed something wrong while walking past a HMMWV in Building 320 on January 16th. He investigated and found a fire in the vehicle and promptly notified his shift leader and fellow employees.

While Mr. Helman was unavailable to accept his coin today, the following employees were on hand to accept thanks from Colonel Guinn and Fire Chief Dan Byers.

Nathan Daywalt was notified of the fire by Mr. Helman and promptly directed that 911 be notified while he used a building fire extinguisher to suppress the fire until firefighters arrived.

Ernie L. Reeder, a Leader, directed all employees to exit the building and accounted for all employees while assisted the fire department when they arrived.

Paul R. Gottfried worked with Mr. Daywalt with additional extinguishers to fight the fire.

In presenting the coins, Colonel Guinn remarked that these individuals understood the need for quick action and took appropriate safety precautions while minimizing potential damage.



Left to right: Paul Gottfried, Ernie Reeder and Nathan Daywalt.



The Letterkenny Players pose with The Letterkenny Ladies.

Women's History Month Celebrated! By Dawn Hamsher

The Letterkenny Players performed "Women Change America", an original skit featuring portrayals of famous American women. The show was held for depot employees and The Letterkenny Ladies on 2 Mar 05 in building 10. Employees who missed seeing it live can watch it on IPTV.

Dawn Hamsher played roving reporter for Letterkenny IPTV. She interviewed Grace Hopper (played by JoAnn Booher), Shirley Chisholm (played by Trish Corbert), Eunice Kennedy-Shriver (played by Barb Eberly) and Barbara Walters (played by Kim Russell). Karen Amerson could not attend this performance, but will perform at future shows as Harriet Tubman.

In between portrayals, the group performed funny live TV commercials like "Stink Be Gone" and "Nu Star Realty" that were a hit with the audience.

Each year, the performers choose a new character and thoroughly research her to create their script. The group then works together to create an original skit that will educate and entertain. Last year's was called Women Shaping History, where the group went back on a time-traveling bus to meet famous American Women. That performance is also on IPTV. If anyone would like to join this group to perform next year, please call Kim Raley (7-5223) or Dawn Hamsher (7-9238).

REP. KAUFFMAN VISITS MUNITIONS CENTER

Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) hosted Franklin County's newest State Representative on February 18.

Rep. Rob Kauffman (89-PA) joined Ed Averill, Director of LEMC and spent several hours getting oriented to the missile workload by visiting several repair shops and the X-Ray facility at LEMC. LEMC stores, inspects and distributes ammunition to each of the military branches.



Ed Averill and Representative Kauffman at Letterkenny Munitions Center.



Ed Averill describes the SLAM warheads used on Army Tactical Missile System to Rep. Kauffman and Tom Sherman, Lead X-Ray technician.

Rep. Kauffman received a briefing on a \$5.4 million project to replace 4 foot doors with 8 foot doors on over 100 1940's era ammunition storage magazines, known as

igloos. The project will make moving large missiles easier and is planned for construction this summer.

Rep. Kauffman was briefed on the shipment of missiles and ammunition that is used in the Global War on Terror.

BLDG. 350 FILLS WITH HMMWV'S FOR RECAP

Beginning with a visit by BG Patrick O'Reilly in mid-November, anyone visiting Building 350 will see the hum of activity as dozens of HMMWV'S undergo intensive maintenance.

BG O'Reilly is Program Executive Officer for Combat Support/Combat Service Support.

Letterkenny and employees in Building 350, are recapitalizing hundreds of HMMWV's for the Office of Combat Support.

Arriving in all kinds of conditions, these work-horses are overhauled and returned to units in a "like-new" condition.

The Directorate of Maintenance is gearing up to have all parts kitted and arranging for direct vendor delivery to production workstations.

As production increases, Letterkenny may achieve a rate of several hundred vehicles a month which are being returned to inventory for future disbursement.





**Letterkenny Army Depot
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC)**

Elimination of the TSP Open Seasons: July 1, 2005

Public Law 108-469, which was signed into law on December 21, 2004, eliminates the Thrift Savings Plan open seasons and the restrictions on contribution elections which are tied to open seasons. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board will implement this law on July 1, 2005. After the close of the current TSP open season (December 31, 2004), there will be one more open season, April 15 through June 30, 2005. This means that participants may file contribution elections with their agencies or uniformed services at any time beginning April 15. Through June 30, these elections will be processed under the current rules. Beginning July 1, contribution elections will be processed under the new rules — that is, the elections must be made effective no later than the first full pay period after they are filed.

Participants must continue to file contribution elections with their agencies or services, and the agencies and services must continue to implement the elections by deducting contributions from participants' pay and reporting these amounts to the Thrift Savings Plan each pay period.

The law does not affect the waiting period new employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System must serve before they become eligible for agency contributions to their accounts. In addition, the law does not affect contribution allocations or interfund transfers, which can be made at any time by using this Web site or the ThriftLine or by submitting an Investment Allocation form to the TSP.

To start or change your contributions, call the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287 (hearing impaired 1-877-276-9833) or access the ABC website at <https://www.abc.army.mil>, click on "Benefit/EBIS", enter/create your Point of Entry (POE) password, and click on "Transactions".

For more information on the open season, visit <https://www.abc.army.mil> or www.tsp.gov.

The 2005 TSP contribution limit for FERS employees is 15% up to the IRS limit of \$14,000. The 2005 TSP contribution limit for CSRS employees is 10% up to the IRS limit of \$14,000.

Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) to Provide Services to Separated Employees

Beginning 1 April 2005, employees that are serviced by the Department of the Army can reach a benefits counselor for a period of six months from their separation date for assistance with benefits related issues.

To contact the ABC-C after separation, dial the toll-free number (1-877-276-9287; TDD 1-877-276-9833). At the welcome message, press 1. Then press 2 to access the Benefits and Entitlements Services System. At the next voicing the following will be heard "Press 1 for Army serviced employees and employees separated within 180 days". Press 1. At this point, the voicing will indicate the requirement to use the SSN and PIN to access the system. Press 1 and enter your SSN. (The PIN is not required for separated employees.) After entering the SSN the following will be heard, "Please hold while we transfer you to a benefits counselor". The call will be transferred to the next available counselor.

Scheduling CPAC Appointments

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) strives to provide prompt, courteous and complete customer service. Often times our efforts are hindered by "walk-in" customers. "Walk-ins" take time from individuals that have scheduled an appointment with a CPAC representative. Frequently "walk-in" customers must wait for a CPAC representative already busy with another customer or project. Additional delays are encountered when CPAC staff members have to collect paperwork, research regulations, review cases, etc, in order to accommodate these unscheduled appointments. These delays are needlessly frustrating to all concerned.

In an effort to ensure that services are provided to everyone in the most efficient manner possible thereby reducing employee non-productive time away from the job site, all visitors to the CPAC are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance of their visit as follows:

a. Contact the CPAC representative that services your organization. Be as specific as possible in describing the purpose of your visit so the appropriate amount of time can be allotted for your appointment.

b. Advise your supervisor that you have business to conduct in the CPAC. Supervisors must authorize absences from the worksite, so employees should be sure to notify their supervisor of the date and time of their scheduled appointment.

Current CPAC serviced organizations and assigned servicing representatives are published in CPAC Bulletin Number 05-03. To access this and other CPAC Bulletins click on the CPAC Bulletin icon on your computer's desktop or go to the Civilian Personnel link on the LEAD intranet at <https://intranet.lead.army.mil/>.

Letterkenny Army Depot Employment Information

As most employees are aware, the resume process, the application process, the referral process, and the status of jobs are all automated processes. Army uses one centralized automated system called RESUMIX to fill vacancies.

Current vacancy announcements for Letterkenny Army Depot are posted at the US Army Civilian Personnel OnLine (CPOL) website, <http://www.cpol.army.mil>. To search the vacancy announcements on CPOL, click on the Employment link on the main CPOL page. At the next screen, click on the Search for Jobs link. This will take you to the Vacancy Announcement Search page. You will be presented with several search options to include vacancy announcement number, occupational categories, by State, etc., so be sure to scroll down and review the entire page.

Search results will be presented in a table format. To view a specific Vacancy Announcement, click on the Vacancy Announcement Number link. Each Vacancy Announcement provides instructions on how to apply for the position and also includes a point of contact should you have questions regarding the announcement. Be sure you read the ENTIRE announcement carefully and completely.

Employees are encouraged to obtain a copy of the Army Job Application Kit. This "kit" provides valuable information on preparing RESUMIX resumes, submitting resumes, self-nominating for jobs, and checking the status of resumes and self-nominations via ANSWER. A copy is available on line at <https://cpol.army.mil/>. Click on Employment, then Army Job Application Kit. Copies are also available in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC).

Questions or inquiries concerning the application process should be addressed to applicanthelp@cpsrxtp.belvoir.army.mil.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Letterkenny Army Depot employees Nestor Alicia, Paul H. Brandt, JoAnn B. Yeager; Lawrence H. Caution, George H. Henschel, Jr., William M. Hesson, Gerald Hunt (DRSK) and Lynn M. Barclay (USASAC – New Cumberland) are approved to receive annual leave donations under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP).

To donate annual leave, employees should complete either an OPM 630-A (for leave recipients within your agency) or an OPM 630-B (for leave recipients outside your agency). The completed OPM 630-A or OPM 630-B is then submitted through your supervisor to your servicing DFAS Customer Service Representative.

Any employee wishing to become a leave recipient must submit a written application (OPM 630) through the supervisory chain to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) for approval/disapproval. Forms are available online at the OPM website (www.opm.gov) or from the CPAC.

Comings and Goings

Letterkenny Army Depot welcomes... Chad Helman, Garland Kuykendall, Richard Miller, Nicholas Rosenberry, Shawn Shives, Dena Taucher, Aaron Zeis, Russel Baer III, Rodney Cline, Michael Fittry, Karson Garner, Chad Ramsey, Leon Shaffer, Daniel Shauf, Kimberly Shauf, Gary Shoop, Sean Wolford, Rita Zeger, Dianne Fissel, Dale Giffin, James Hayden, Tommy Ingram, John McCleaf, Albert McCormick, Carl Stone, Reyes Zamudio, Dwight McDonald, Amanda Shughart, Charles DeLoach, Robert Hogan, Chris Burkholder, Stephen Swensson, Shawn Kauffman, Irene Myers, Emmett Higginbotham, Robert Hess, Derek Alexander, Patrick Kelley, Martin Powell, Earl Griff, and Khai Nguyen to the Directorate of Maintenance; John Piper, Paul Jednat, Eldin Ingram, Eric Schooley, and John Denk to the Directorate of Supply and Transportation; Christopher Struchen to the Directorate of Public Works; Edward Hall to the Directorate of Contracting; and Brenda Hockenberry and Jonathan Bender to the Letterkenny Munitions Center...**and bids farewell to...** Betty Leighton and Robert Yeager of the Directorate of Public Works; Michael Gibson, Thomas Locke, Dennis Rice, Richard Schrader, Garland Summerall, Ray Tharp, Stephany Shockey, and Tracey Richard of the Directorate of Maintenance; Karen Chilcote of the Directorate of Resource Management; Jeffrey Gipe and Richard Stevens of the Directorate of Product Assurance; Larry Clark of the Command Group; John Fisher of ILSO; and Ronald Nickey of the Letterkenny Munitions Center.

TRAINING FOR WHEN SECONDS COUNT....

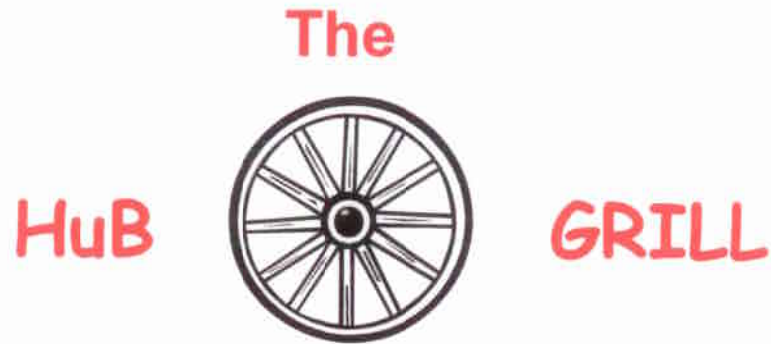
By Reagan Rhinehart, Captain/ LEAD Fire Dept

You're driving on Depot and are involved in an accident. You're injured and pinned by twisted metal in your car... You're working in your area when your hand or arm becomes tangled in a machine, before you or a co-worker can shut the machine off your injured and trapped in the machine... You're working around a large machine that falls on you and traps you beneath it... You're working on the roof of a building on Depot and you are injured or have a medical emergency... **These are times when seconds count.**



To better serve their customers (the employees, tenants, and visitors of Letterkenny Army Depot), the LEAD Fire Department has just completed a nationally certified / DOD recognized, specialty rescue-training program. This training program was aimed at providing new techniques, refreshing knowledge, and refining skills. With the help of expert rescue instructors from Bucks County Community College, LEAD firefighters learned, reviewed, and practiced rope rescue, vehicle rescue, and machinery rescue. All fire department personnel took this class and participated in evolutions that will assist firefighters in performing rescues ranging from an injured hunter that needs carried out of the mountain, to a worker trapped in or under a vehicle or machine.

We just wanted to let our Letterkenny teammates know, as you are helping protect and equip the war fighters around the world, we are trying to protect you. One way we're doing this is through constant training for when seconds count...

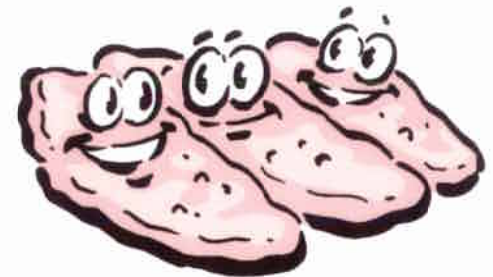


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